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*Plainly set downe in Questions  
& Answeres, by M. DUDLEY*

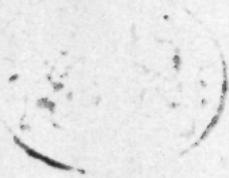
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## QUESTION.

*What is God?*

ANSWER. He is <sup>a</sup> a Spirit, <sup>b</sup> who hath no qualities or shadowe of chaunge in him, but whose very being is most mighty, most iust, most mercifull, and therefore hath made all thinges good, and gouerned all things well,

Qv. *What is the blessed Trinitie?*

An. Three <sup>c</sup> persons distinguisched by their proper difference, but not separated one from another, because euerie one of them is one and the same God: <sup>d</sup> The Father of none: <sup>e</sup> The Sonne begotten of the Father before all beginninges: <sup>f</sup> The Holie Ghost proceeding from the Father & the Sonne.

Qv. *Seeing we were & were all in Adam made good, according to God his image, howe and in what sorte are you corrupted?*

An. By the <sup>h</sup> willinge fall of Adam, I

John. 3.16. & 5.18, 1 Ioh. 4.9. Psalm 2.7. Heb. 1. 5. f Ioh. 15.26

Act 16.7. Rom. 8.9.11. Cor. 2.12. g Gen. 1.16. Eph 4.24. Col. 3.19

h Eccle. 7.31. Rom. 5.13.14. with

Of G O D

a. John 4.24

b. Exo. 3.14.

Iam. 1.17.

1. Ioh. 1.1. 1.5

and 4. 16.

Esay. 43. 12.

Iere. 4. 16.

Iob. 36. 5.

and 37.22.

Nah. 1.2.3.

Hab. 3. 3 4 5

Gen. 1. 31.

Psal. 145.17

c. Hag. 2.5.6

1. John. 5.7.

Math. 28.19

Ioh. 14. 26.

Gal. 4. 6.

2 Cor. 13.13

d. Pro. 8. 22.

Ioh 1.1.14 14

1 Cor. 8. 6.

e. Math 3.17

Luk. 2. 49.

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*The corrupte  
estate of man.*

**4. Joh. 3. 25**

**Ephe. 2. 1.**

**6. Lxx. 36. 26**

**2. Cor. 3. 3.**

**8. Gen. 6. 5.**  
**& 8. 21.**

**4. Ep. 2. 1. 2**

**6. Gal. 3. 10.**

**8. Rō. 4. 3. 4. 5**

with all menne in his loynes, deserued to be *a borne so dead in sinne*, as I can haue no true feede or beginninge of goodnesse in me, vntill both *b my stonke heart be taken away, and a newe heart be wholie giuen mee of God*, without whose especiall grace (although I can by the common gifte giuen to all men, vnderstand, reason, will, and desire) yet I haue no power to *c incline or mooue any of these as I should doe accordinge to God his will*.

*Q.* *In what case stande you by meanes of this corruption?*

*A.* *N.* I am the *d childe of wrath and euclatting damnation*.

*Q.* *v.* *What doth the least sinne, as every child murther, or the not perfect continuall in doing the whole Lawe of God deserue, both before and after faith?*

*A.* *N.* That which the Apostle saith, *e Carned, that is, euclattingly condemned is he, that continueth not to do all whiche is written in the booke of the Lawe*.

*Q.* *Then can we not be iustified, that is, accounted before God his iudgement seate, by twise good workes, which proceed from faith?*

*A.* *N.* *No:* For the moit worthie obedience of Abraham, comming from his faith, did not iustifie him, but onely *f his faith which was accounted to him for righteounes: And if*

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*If the Lorde will marke what is done amisse* *Ps. 130. 3.*  
*by his righteous seruaunt, who can abyde it?* *and 143. 2.*

**Qv.** *Howe are we then acquitted before God  
bis judgement seate?*

**AN.** *Onely by the imputation of Christ his* *Therefora-  
death & obedience, who was made a curse* *tion of man in  
to redeeme the elect fro the curse of the lawe,* *a. Gal. 3. 13.*  
*who knowing no sinne, was made sinne for the* *2. Cor. 5. 21.*  
*elect, that is, had all their sinne so accoun-*Ezai. 53. 3. 4.*  
ted to him, as that he might beare the pu-  
nishment of it: to this ende, that they  
might by the same way, bee made God his  
righteousnes in him, not in them selues.*

**Qv.** *Howe can we be made partakers of this  
iustification in Christ b after wee knowe one  
God and three persons, the Father, the Sonne,  
and the holy Ghost: and that Christ is per-  
fect God and perfect man?*

**AN.** *Onely by <sup>c</sup> the unsained faith of the e-  
lect, which is that faith, whereby wee are  
able to receyue Christ.*

**Qv.** *Howe doe ye knowe that yee haue that  
faith?*

**AN.** *By the true marke which the Apostle  
giueth, saying: <sup>d</sup> Proue your selues, whether  
ye be in the faith or no, whether Christ be in  
you or no.*

**Qv.** *Howe may we know Christ to be in vs?*

**AN.** *By the three <sup>e</sup> benefites wherewith he  
commeth vnto vs, bloud, water, & spirit.*

**D**

**Qv.**

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Qv. What is meant by Bloud?

**E. 1. 1. 3** AN. of Our iustification cōsisting in Christ  
**Rom. 4. 25.** his righteousnes, & the forgiuenes of sinne  
**Act. 20. 28.** by his bloud-shedding.

Qv. What is meant by Water?

**g. Heb. 10. 22** AN. Our sanctification, when the grace  
**Tit. 2. 11. 12** of God teacheth vs to denie vngodlynes,  
vnighteousnes, and worldly lustes, to liue  
godly, righteously, and soberly in this pre-  
sent worlde.

Qv. Howe shall we knowe that we feele both  
this true mortifying or denying of sinne, and  
true liuing to righteousnes?

**b. 1. Co. 7. 11** AN. When both from a true sorrowe ac-  
**4. Pet. 4. 2** cording to God, for euery thing we knowe  
forbidden of God (yea the least) as all light  
othes, idle wordes, profitable lyes, or vaine  
actions, we feele a studie to auoyde the first  
motions to them, a clearing of our selues  
from all suspition of them, by auoyding all  
appearance of euill, an indignation for all  
such things past, a feare, lealt such thinges  
by our corruption should fall out againe: a  
great desire to prevent them: a zeale against  
them, and a punishinge of them by exerci-  
sing all due authoritie which God hath gi-  
uen vs against sinne: as also a great studie  
to spende all the rest of our tyme, not accor-  
ding to the will of men, but accordinge to the  
will of God.

Qv.

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Qv. What is ment by the Spirit?

AN. That full assurance which the *Holie Ghost worketh in our heartes that wee are God his childdren, whereby we are sealed vnto the day of redempcion, that is, fully assured that wee shall be kept by the power of G O D through faith vnto salvation.*

i. Gal.4. 6.  
Rō.8. 15. 16.  
Ep.1. 13. 14.  
and 4. 30.  
1. Pet.1. 5.

Qv. By what ordinary means is that true faith and that which followeth it, wrought in vs?

AN. By the preaching of the gospel. Rō 10. 14 *The meanes of the working, the preaching of the Gosfell, yea doe receive it with some tast, ioy, & vnderstanding, and yet obteine not this faith and the fynite of it?*

AN. <sup>1</sup> The cause is the vnchangeable purpose of God from before all beginninges, \* Ma.13. 20 wherein he hath beinge moued only by 21. his own holy will appointed freely to chuse Heb.6. 4. 5. some to Christ vnto saluation through faith, <sup>1</sup> Matt.11. 25. 26. for the prayse of his riche grace: And iustly Luke.11. 34 to cast awaye others, when they should by Act. 13. 48. their owne default deserue the same. Nowe Rom.8. 30. this foundation standeth sure, and hath this Ro. 9. 11. 12. 18. 22. 23. seal, that the Lorde knoweth who are his: Eph.1. 4. 5. but for our owne assurance, Let euerie one 1. Thes.5. 9. 2. The.2. 13. departe from iniquitie which calleth on the 1. Pet.2. 8. name of Iesus.

Qv. What meanes besides the seruice of God at home, must we chieflie use, to exercise, confirme, and nourishe this faith and the frutes thereof?

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AN. We must diligentlie vse all the works  
of the publike Ministrie, which are prescri-  
bed of God, <sup>as</sup> prayer, doctrine, exhorta-  
tion, the Sacramentes, & communicating  
vnto the poote.

### Qv. What is a Sacrament?

**b.1. Cor. 17.** AN. It is <sup>b</sup>a seale wherin by the outward  
13. and publike workes, respecting both the  
**1. Pet. 3. 21.** Minister & the Church, prescribed of God,  
**Rom. 4. 11.** and ioyned with the inwarde workes aun-  
swering vnto them, is more ( then in the  
worde only preached ) liuely represented,  
and truely offered vnto all, but assuredlie  
aplied to the true members of Christ only,  
**c. Ma. 28. 19** Christ Jesus and the covenant of grace, fully  
**A&2. 42 &** ratified in him. For the liuely representing  
**19. 4. 5. and** they are called signes : for the effectuall  
**20. 7.** assuring and applying seales.

**Ephe. 5.26.** *Over. What are the outward works?*

**Act.22. 6.** ~~22. 6. W. will be the bounard w. Q. 3.~~  
**Mat.26.27** **AN.** They are <sup>c</sup> for the Minister, first to put  
**1. Co.10.16** apart the outward element or signe, by  
**17. & 11. 23** opening the institution and couenant of  
**24. 25. 26.** God, by praying and giuing thankes. Se-  
**d. Lu.1. 59.** condly, to applie the same as is comanded.  
**A&t.2.42.**  
**1. Co.10.16** <sup>d</sup> For the people to ioyne in heareinge and  
**17 & 11. 22.** prayer, and to haue this signe so applyed.  
**c. 1 Co.10.1**  
**2. 3 & 12. 13** <sup>e</sup> Now of Sacraments, there are onlie these  
**6. Mat.3. 11.** two: Baptisme, and the Lordcs Supper.

Act. 22. 16. Qv. What is 'Baptisme'?

1. Pet. 3. 21. AN. f The first Sacrament, wherein by the  
Ko. 6.1. &c. Mini-

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Ministers once washing with water, into the name of the Father, the Sonne, and the holie Ghost, is more firmly applied, Christ his once ingrafting of vs into himselfe, for the washing of vs by the holie Ghost, for our full iustification and continuall sanctification in his righteousnesse, death, burial, and his resurrection.

*Qv. What is the Lordes Supper?*

AN. <sup>g</sup> The second Sacrament, wherein by the Minister his putting apart, his breaking powring forth and giuinge of breade and wine, by the Churches receyuing, eating & drinking of the same, the faithfull haue more fullie applied their daily & more effectuall receiuing by faith, of the body and blud of Christ, for the spiritual nourishing of their soules in iustification and sanctification vnto eternall life.

<sup>g. Matt. 26.</sup>  
<sup>26.27.</sup>  
<sup>1 Co. 10.1.2.</sup>  
<sup>3.15.16.17.</sup>  
<sup>1 Cor. 11.23.</sup>

*Qv. When wee come to the Supper of the Lord, how must we prepare our selues before, behauie our selues in the present worke, and reape fruite by it continually after?*

AN. <sup>h</sup> Before we must trie our saith and re-pentance, not onely whether they be tne, but also howe wee growe in them, what is the dulnesse and weaknes of them, that we may the more feruentlie seeke the quickning and strengthning of them in this Sacrament. In the present worke, we must haue

<sup>h</sup>  
<sup>1. Co. 11.28</sup>  
<sup>3.1. & 10.1.2.</sup>  
<sup>2 Chr 30.19</sup>  
<sup>1. Cor. 11.5</sup>  
<sup>Pla. 29.3.4.</sup>  
<sup>Ma. 5.23.24</sup>

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**1. Co. 11. 24** of the wine, that his body was crucified, & **Ezai. 5. 3. 5.** his bloud shed for vs: by the giuing and

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